

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/694,376 Confirmation No. 5779  
Applicant : Allen J. Brenneman  
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Title : OPTICAL REAGENT FORMAT FOR SMALL SAMPLE VOLUMES  
  
TC/A.U. : 1797  
Examiner : Neil N. Turk  
  
Docket No. : MSE-2650

**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL  
OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 24, 2008**

Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Dear Commissioner:

This is in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on October 24, 2008. The shortened statutory time period to respond is three months from that date or January 24, 2009, and this response is being filed within that time. Thus, this response is timely. In response to the Non-Final Office Action, please enter the following into the record:

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**Remarks** begin on Page 7 of this paper.